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## Editorial Comment

### JUST IN CASE

Just in case you are excited about Russian troops being in Iran, ask yourself: or whoever knows the answer: what British troops are doing in Greece, Egypt, Indonesia, the Levant, Iraq and Palestine, or what troops of the United States are doing in Iceland and China?

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

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### BEST SAVINGS ACCOUNT

The best savings account grows a farm woodlot. It has many advantages over the ordinary commercial kind. Here's why: It can be started for just a few dollars invested in seedlings. Sometimes the original investment is already there and waiting when a farmer buys a piece of land. It grows larger every year with only the investment of a little time and labor during those months when farmers are least busy.

### 343 were free lunchers

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Dear Joe  
Our farm is gone.  
It happened so fast  
I hardly remember—



the backbone we built saved the house all right — but it got the barn and most of the other outbuildings, and killed most of the stock. We had to give up — move out. Even if we could have stayed, now that the grass and shrubs as well as most of the trees have gone, there would be nothing to hold back the water when the storms hit. Even farmers miles from our place will lose many crops. To say nothing of some of the best stands of good sound timber in the country . . . and tomorrow's timber, too. No, we don't know how it started. But I'll tell you there were some fellows taking down on Pine Needle Creek . . .

What starts nine out of ten forest and woods fires? Carelessness. The carelessness of the other fellow. You can't blame him. YOU can help prevent this national tragedy by remembering these rules:

**SMOKERS:** Crush out your cigar, your cigarette, your pipe ashes. Hold match until glow is gone. Break or pinch to be sure it's out. Never throw a burning match, cigarette or pipe tobacco in flammable debris.

**CAMPERS:** Drown your campfire, then stir and add more water before you leave.

**BRUSH BURNERS:** Build the brush pile in a clear area. Break it up. rake or plow a clean strip wide enough to hold fire. Have tools, help, and water ready. Burn after 4:00 P.M. when calm; burn down hill and against the wind. Drown smoldering fires with water, cover with earth. Be sure every spark is out.

**SAW MILLS:** Install spark arrestors and keep in repair. Preheat the mill yard and around the mill pit, by cleaning up and burning off inflammable debris.

**Paying the Thin Man** — In one school, the price of admission to the WPA is a donation of a dollar. If you are a member of your community, you are a citizen of your state. Pay the Thin Man. He is the one who will be there when you need him.

**Pre-dated Pleasure** — Dates so often are a bore. What do we girls make them for? Planning what we're going to wear. Bubbly bathing, fixing hair. Trying out a glamour make-up. Powdering and then perfuming. How we love these hours of grooming!

**Let the date turn out a bore. WE HAVE OUR GOOD TIME BEFORE!**

Lady Astor visits Thoville.

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